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THE LABOR MARKET REPORT TENNESSEE

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NEW COMMISIONER: RAYBURN A. TRAUGHBER

Since Commissioner Rayburn A. Traughber took office, he has visited over 40 local Employment Security offices to learn what types of services are provided by the offices and to look for better ways to serve the public. Because one of this administration's goals is to deliver improved and more efficient services to Tennesseans, Traughber has been talking and listening to employers and local personnel to learn how the Department can best use its resources.

One of Commissioner Traughber's major priorities is employer relations. He has met with the Job Service Employer Committee representatives from across the state and is reviewing existing employer-related units. He will be directing the development of programs to improve communication between employers and the Department.

Commissioner Traughber believes that Employment Security will play an important role in the Governor's pledge to develop a statewide jobs program. The Department's resources, such as current statistical data, job referral, and automated employer accounts, can be invaluable to employers. Employment Security is the state's main source of information on jobs and economic trends. According to Traughber, Employment Security will combine its efforts and resources with the Department of Economic and Community Development and the Department of Labor to develop a comprehensive jobs program.

Commissioner Traughber comes to the Department with a strong background in management and an in-depth knowledge of local government. As an administrative assistant to John Franklin, commissioner of Education and Health in Chattanooga, Traughber has had experience in planning, recruiting industry, and financial management; he has also served on regional development committees. He received a B.A. degree in political science from Kentucky State University in 1970, and in 1972 he earned a master's degree in American history from Fisk University. In addition to a fourteen-year career in Chattanooga city government, he was an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REVISION

The Bureau of Labor Statistics began publishing a revised Consumer Price Index (CPI) with the release of the January 1987 index. This affected both the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) and the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Updated expenditure weights based upon data tabulated from 3 years (1982, 1983, and 1984) of the Consumer Expenditure Surveys replaced the old expenditure weights based on the 1972-1973 data. The Bureau periodically revises the expenditure weights so that the CPI reflects price changes of items currently being purchased by consumers.

The revised CPI also introduced a greatly enhanced housing survey which improved the rental equivalence measure of homeownership costs. The selection of the new housing sample was designed to represent optimally both owners and renters in the estimation of shelter costs.

A number of methodological and sampling advances first introduced in the 1978 revision were enhanced and incorporated into the CPI. For example, the geographic distribution of consumers is now based on the 1980 Census of Population instead of the 1970 census. The requirement to allocate the sample so as to provide the most accurate national CPI resulted in some local areas not having samples sufficient to permit frequent publication. Therefore, the Bureau will publish a number of local area CPIs less frequently.

The revised CPI was linked to the December 1986 index to provide a continuous series.

The current CPI can be found on the back of this publicaation.

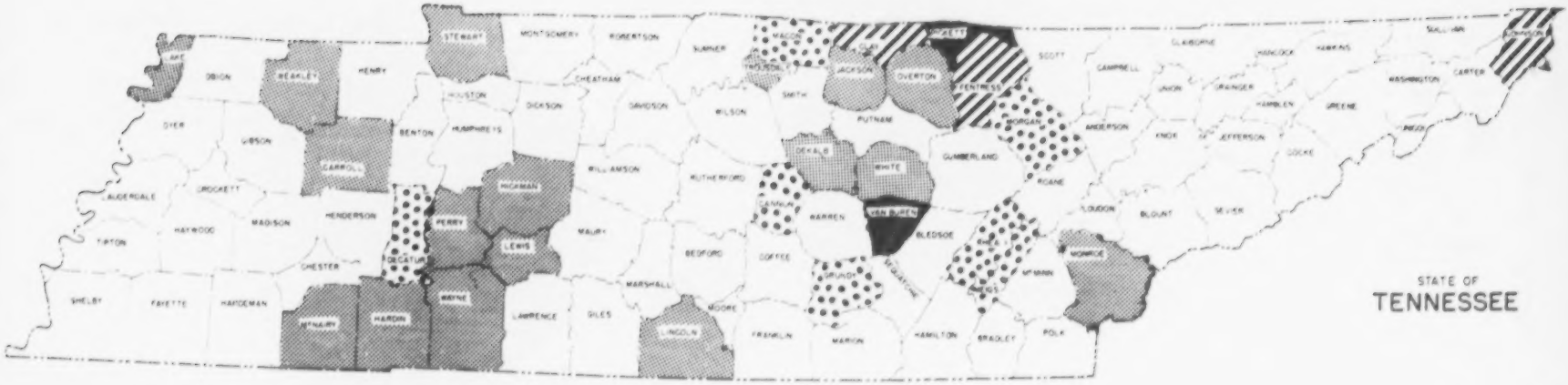
COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

COUNTY	FEB. RATE	COUNTY	FEB. RATE
ANDERSON	7.7	LAUDERDALE	9.9
BEDFORD	9.5	LAWRENCE	14.2
BENTON	16.1	LEWIS	17.4
BLEDSOE	7.0	LINCOLN	7.3
BLOUNT	8.6	LOUDON	10.7
BRADLEY	8.0	MACON	10.2
CAMPBELL	19.1	MADISON	8.9
CANNON	9.7	MARION	15.1
CARROLL	18.1	MARSHALL	6.4
CARTER	11.8	MAURY	9.5
CHEATHAM	5.1	MCMINN	9.5
CHESTER	7.9	MCNAIRY	14.1
CLAIBORNE	10.2	MEIGS	11.3
CLAY	5.3	MONROE	10.3
COCKE	22.0	MONTGOMERY	8.0
COFFEE	8.4	MOORE	6.8
CROCKETT	17.2	MORGAN	13.3
CUMBERLAND	12.1	OBION	8.9
DAVIDSON	4.4	OVERTON	15.1
DECATUR	15.3	PERRY	16.6
DEKALB	9.2	PICKETT	19.9
DICKSON	8.1	POLK	11.8
DYER	11.4	PUTNAM	9.9
FAYETTE	8.8	RHEA	10.3
FENTRESS	15.4	ROANE	7.3
FRANKLIN	7.5	ROBERTSON	7.6
GIBSON	13.4	RUTHERFORD	4.8
GILES	11.5	SCOTT	20.8
GRAINGER	9.4	SEQUATCHIE	10.0
GREENE	12.2	SEVIER	24.3
GRUNDY	15.6	SHELBY	6.0
HAMBLEN	9.7	SMITH	9.0
HAMILTON	6.5	STEWART	8.0
HANCOCK	8.8	SULLIVAN	6.6
HARDEMAN	11.0	SUMNER	6.8
HARDIN	11.9	TIPTON	10.1
HAWKINS	7.8	TROUSDALE	7.0
HAYWOOD	16.2	UNICOI	12.3
HENDERSON	13.4	UNION	9.0
HENRY	14.1	VAN BUREN	13.0
HICKMAN	9.1	WARREN	11.9
HOUSTON	15.8	WASHINGTON	7.2
HUMPHREYS	22.4	WAYNE	13.0
JACKSON	9.4	WEAKLEY	9.1
JEFFERSON	10.5	WHITE	11.4
JOHNSON	15.1	WILLIAMSON	3.5
KNOX	5.8	WILSON	7.3
LAKE	13.4		

COUNTIES IN TENNESSEE WITH 20 PERCENT OR GREATER
CONCENTRATION OF TEXTILE/APPAREL EMPLOYMENT

(As a Percent of Total Employment)

1985 Annual Averages



PERCENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

- 0% - 19.9%
- 20% - 29.9%
- 30% - 39.9%
- 40% - 49.9%
- 50% - 59.9%

Source: ES 202
Tennessee Department of Employment Security
Research and Statistics Division
Labor Market Information Unit

Prepared March 1987

TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

(Not Seasonally Adjusted)

	February 1986				Revised January 1987				Preliminary February 1987			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
U. S. 1/	115,725,000	106,685,000	9,041,000	7.8	117,703,000	109,084,000	8,620,000	7.3	117,967,000	109,464,000	8,503,000	7.2
TENNESSEE 2/	2,252,700	2,038,900	213,800	9.5	2,297,200	2,109,800	187,400	8.2	2,304,400	2,117,900	186,500	8.1
MSAs												
CHATTANOOGA	196,700	180,600	16,100	8.2	201,300	187,700	13,600	6.8	200,300	186,800	13,500	6.7
JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL	207,900	189,400	18,500	8.9	209,700	193,700	16,000	7.6	209,600	193,200	16,400	7.8
KNOXVILLE	270,000	244,900	25,100	9.3	275,100	251,500	23,600	8.6	275,000	251,600	23,400	8.5
MEMPHIS	417,700	385,600	32,100	7.7	433,200	404,000	29,200	6.7	434,600	406,600	28,000	6.4
NASHVILLE	488,500	459,900	28,600	5.9	503,000	477,600	25,400	5.0	508,400	482,700	25,700	5.1

1/ Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.
2/ Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

TENNESSEE'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DECREASES

Tennessee's estimated unemployment rate for February was 8.1 percent, showing a significant decline of 1.4 percentage points over the same month last year and a slight decrease of one-tenth of a percentage point over January.

Tennessee has experienced strong growth in employment, while at the same time the number of people unemployed has declined. In February 1987, there were 2,117,900 Tennesseans employed, an increase of 79,000 or 3.9 percent over the same period last year. From January to February 1987, employment increased by 8,100.

Nationwide, the February unemployment rate was 7.2 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point from January and down six-tenths of a percentage point from the 7.8 percent of February 1986.

Nonagricultural employment was up 93,500 jobs when compared to February of last year. The year-to-year comparisons show that growth occurred in the service industry where 32,600 jobs were added for an increase of 8.9 percent, which follows the national trend toward rapid growth in this industry. Growth in the wholesale and retail trade industries created 24,500 jobs for a 5.7 percent increase.

Growth in nonagricultural employment from January to February was less dramatic, but still accounted for an increase of 2,200 jobs with record levels of employment set in wholesale trade (124,200) and services (398,800).

The February unemployment rate increased in 45 counties, went down in 46 counties, and was unchanged in four counties. Williamson County once again recorded the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.5 percent, down slightly from January's 3.6 percent.

Sevier County, showing a slight decrease, reported the state's highest unemployment rate at 24.3 percent, followed by Humphreys County at 22.4 percent, Cocke County at 22.0 percent, and Scott County at 20.8 percent.

STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands) *

INDUSTRY	FEBRUARY 1986	JANUARY 1987	FEBRUARY 1987	Net Change FEB. 1986 to FEB. 1987	Net Change JAN. 1987 to FEB. 1987
TOTAL	1868.9	1960.2	1962.4	93.5	2.2
Manufacturing	486.1	492.7	491.7	5.6	-1.0
Durable Goods	238.3	240.9	240.2	3.9	-0.7
Lumber & Wood Products	17.4	19.2	19.2	1.8	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	24.6	26.2	26.7	2.1	0.5
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	14.4	14.0	14.1	-0.3	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	16.5	16.5	16.4	-0.1	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	38.7	39.9	39.5	0.8	-0.4
Machinery, Except Electrical	37.3	36.9	36.7	-0.6	-0.2
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	35.7	34.6	34.6	-1.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	32.1	33.6	33.5	1.4	-0.1
Instruments & Related Products	9.5	9.5	9.3	-0.2	-0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.2	10.5	10.2	0.0	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	249.8	251.8	251.5	1.7	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	38.8	38.5	38.4	1.6	-0.1
Meat Products	7.4	7.7	7.7	0.3	0.0
Dairy Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco Manufactures	2.0	2.1	1.8	-0.2	-0.3
Textile Mill Products	22.7	23.7	23.7	1.0	0.0
Knitting Mills	11.8	11.7	11.7	0.2	0.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.7	3.0	3.0	0.3	0.0
Apparel Products	64.6	64.2	63.9	-0.7	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	17.7	17.6	17.7	0.0	0.1
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Indus.	32.3	31.8	32.0	-0.3	0.2
Chemicals & Allied Products	38.4	38.5	38.5	0.1	0.0
Petroleum Refining & Related Indus.	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.1	0.1
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	24.1	24.9	25.0	0.9	0.1
Leather & Leather Products	10.4	9.7	9.6	-0.8	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	1382.8	1467.5	1470.7	87.9	3.2
Mining	7.3	6.8	6.9	-0.4	0.1
Construction	79.9	92.7	91.5	11.6	-1.2
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	94.1	97.0	97.0	2.9	0.0
Trade	430.8	459.9	455.3	24.5	-4.6
Wholesale Trade	117.3	123.2	124.2	6.9	1.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	66.7	69.5	69.9	3.2	0.4
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	50.6	53.7	54.3	3.7	0.6
Retail Trade	313.4	336.7	331.1	17.7	-5.6
Building Materials & Garden Supp.	12.4	12.6	12.7	0.3	0.1
General Merchandise Stores	46.1	50.9	47.5	1.4	-3.4
Food Stores	55.0	56.8	56.5	1.5	-0.3
Automotive Dlrs. & Serv. Stations	38.1	39.5	39.4	1.3	-0.1
Apparel & Accessory Stores	17.3	17.8	17.4	0.1	-0.4
Furniture & Home Furnishings	12.6	12.8	12.6	0.0	-0.2
Eating & Drinking Places	95.0	108.1	107.0	12.0	-1.1
Miscellaneous Retail	37.0	38.2	38.0	1.0	-0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	91.4	93.4	93.5	2.1	0.1
Banking	25.9	25.9	25.9	0.0	0.0
Insurance Carriers	22.5	22.8	23.0	0.5	0.2
Services	366.2	394.5	398.8	32.6	4.3
Hotels & Other Lodging	24.6	25.3	25.3	0.7	0.0
Personal Services	24.0	27.0	27.0	3.0	0.0
Business Services	74.6	75.0	75.4	0.8	0.4
Health Services	120.5	129.9	131.0	10.5	1.1
Hospitals	59.3	66.0	67.0	7.7	1.0
Government	313.0	323.2	327.6	14.6	4.4
Federal	61.5	64.4	65.7	4.2	1.3
State & Local	251.5	258.8	261.9	10.4	3.1
State	70.8	70.7	73.7	2.9	3.0
Local	180.8	188.1	188.2	7.4	0.1

*Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

July 1, 1986 Through December 31, 1986

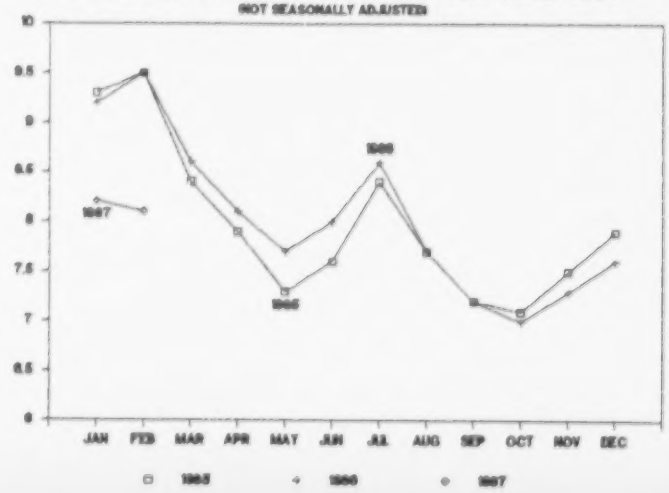
	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	107,701	52,865	23,804	12,663
Testing	5,705	3,891	1,500	657
Referred to Training	2,258	1,047	1,356	292
Nonagricultural Placement	41,388	18,906	11,154	6,195
Counseling	2,230	1,014	749	745

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987
All Manufacturing	335.36	364.32	368.16	39.5	41.4	41.6	8.49	8.80	8.85
Durable Goods	356.71	389.27	395.64	39.9	41.5	42.0	8.94	9.38	9.42
Lumber & Wood Products	213.44	239.59	235.81	36.8	40.2	39.9	5.80	5.96	5.91
Furniture & Fixtures	272.32	287.64	346.94	37.0	37.6	41.8	7.36	7.65	8.30
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	497.89	525.78	546.25	44.1	45.8	47.5	11.29	11.48	11.50
Primary Metal Industries	470.30	493.27	477.30	42.6	44.2	43.0	11.04	11.16	11.10
Fabricated Metal Products	381.78	397.40	387.50	40.4	41.7	41.4	9.45	9.53	9.36
Machinery	345.98	387.86	381.91	40.8	43.0	42.2	8.48	9.02	9.05
Instruments & Related Prod.	317.44	358.90	342.86	38.2	41.3	39.5	8.31	8.69	8.68
Nondurable Goods	312.39	340.31	339.90	39.0	41.4	41.1	8.01	8.22	8.27
Food & Kindred Products	321.79	338.92	351.09	39.1	40.3	41.5	8.23	8.41	8.46
Textile Mill Products	260.80	287.67	290.98	40.0	43.0	43.3	6.52	6.69	6.72
Apparel Products	179.89	208.95	205.20	34.2	38.2	38.0	5.26	5.47	5.40
Paper & Allied Products	442.21	489.22	490.60	43.1	44.8	44.0	10.26	10.92	11.15
Chemical & Allied Prod.	436.45	457.53	460.94	40.3	42.8	40.9	10.83	10.69	11.27
Rubber & Misc. Plastics	406.17	436.63	423.28	42.8	44.6	44.0	9.49	9.79	9.62
Leather & Leather Products	186.55	236.73	235.59	32.5	39.0	39.2	5.74	6.07	6.01

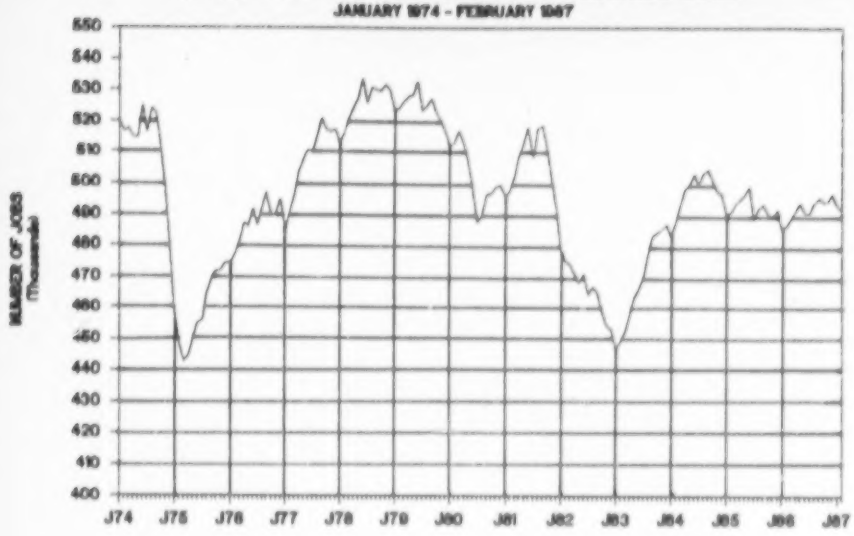
TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES 1985-1987

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



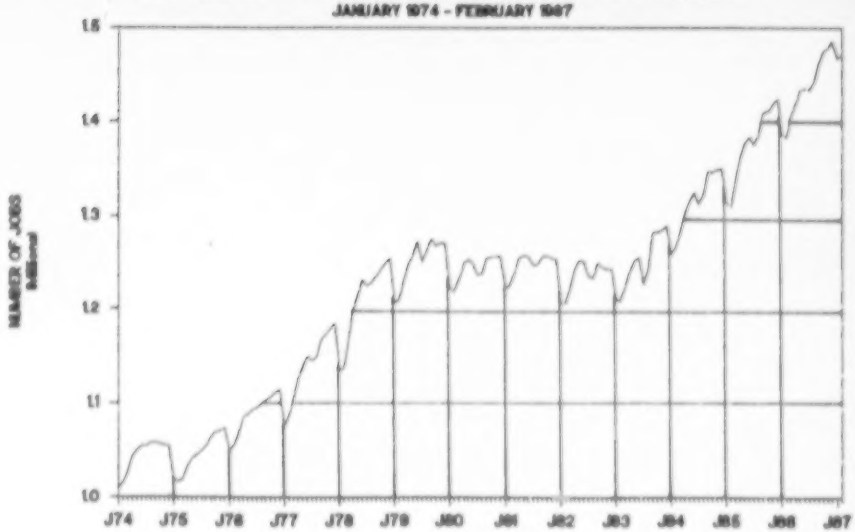
MANUFACTURING JOBS IN TENNESSEE

JANUARY 1974 - FEBRUARY 1987



NONMANUFACTURING JOBS IN TENNESSEE

JANUARY 1974 - FEBRUARY 1987



STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

CLAIMS	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987
Initial Claims	39,549	85,431	37,220
Continued Weeks Claimed	225,271	249,465	204,283
Nonmonetary Determination	3,061	3,152	2,769
Appeals Decisions	997	846	1,079
Lower Authority	882	735	913
Higher Authority	175	110	166
Hearings-Other States	0	1	0
BENEFITS			
Amount Paid	$17,621,211	$17,932,599	$15,937,437
Benefit Weeks Paid	200,264	198,292	181,223
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	$ 91	$ 93	$ 93
First Payments	14,965	31,430	13,669
Final Payments	3,487	3,646	3,367
Average Weeks Duration	12	12	12
Trust Fund Balance	$356,102,343	$408,026,340	$406,205,466

FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987
FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES:			
Benefits Paid	$919,161	$675,439	$596,035
Benefit Weeks Paid	5,720	3,974	3,458
Initial Claims	401	568	329
Continued Weeks Claimed	5,975	4,464	3,761
Appeals Decisions	15	10	10
FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL:			
Benefits Paid	$208,205	$197,003	$194,985
Benefits Weeks Paid	1,704	1,532	1,520
Initial Claims	256	331	278
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,863	1,747	1,697
Appeals Decisions	4	5	7

CHATTANOOGA MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987	Net Change Feb. 1986 to Feb. 1987	Net Change Jan. 1987 to Feb. 1987
TOTAL	175.8	180.5	180.4	+4.6	-0.1
Manufacturing	43.6	43.8	43.7	+0.1	-0.1
Durable Goods	17.5	16.6	16.6	-0.9	0.0
Lumber & Wood Products	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.0	+1.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Primary Metals Industries	3.9	3.9	3.8	-0.1	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	3.9	3.6	3.4	-0.5	-0.2
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.5	1.9	1.9	-0.6	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	4.9	5.0	5.2	+0.3	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	26.2	27.2	27.1	+0.9	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.1	7.0	7.0	+0.9	0.0
Textile Mill Products	11.0	11.1	11.0	0.0	-0.1
Knitting Mills	2.5	2.6	2.6	+0.1	0.0
Apparel Products	1.4	1.3	1.2	-0.2	-0.1
Paper & Allied Products	1.4	1.6	1.6	+0.2	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	1.9	1.9	2.0	+0.1	+0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.2	3.3	3.3	+0.1	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.2	1.0	1.0	-0.2	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	132.2	136.7	136.7	+4.5	0.0
Mining	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.0	+0.1
Construction	6.7	6.7	6.3	-0.4	-0.4
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.5	8.7	8.6	+0.1	-0.1
Trade	39.4	41.5	41.9	+2.5	+0.4
Wholesale Trade	10.1	10.8	11.0	+0.9	+0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	6.2	6.4	6.6	+0.4	+0.2
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.9	4.4	4.4	+0.5	0.0
Retail Trade	29.3	30.7	30.9	+1.6	+0.2
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	10.7	11.7	11.8	+1.1	+0.1
Services	34.5	34.5	34.0	-0.5	-0.5
Government	31.6	32.8	33.1	+1.5	+0.3
Federal	8.1	9.5	9.8	+1.7	+0.3
State & Local	23.5	23.3	23.3	-0.2	0.0
State	5.6	5.7	5.8	+0.2	+0.1
Local	17.9	17.6	17.5	-0.4	-0.1

Includes Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, and Walker Counties in Georgia.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Chattanooga MSA unemployment rate decreased from 6.8 percent to 6.7 percent. Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 100 jobs to 180,400. Manufacturing decreased by 100 jobs with the largest decrease reported in fabricated metal products (-200) due to a seasonal inventory period. Nonmanufacturing remained at 136,700 with the largest increase reported in trade (+400) and the largest decreases reported in services (-500) and construction (-400).

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

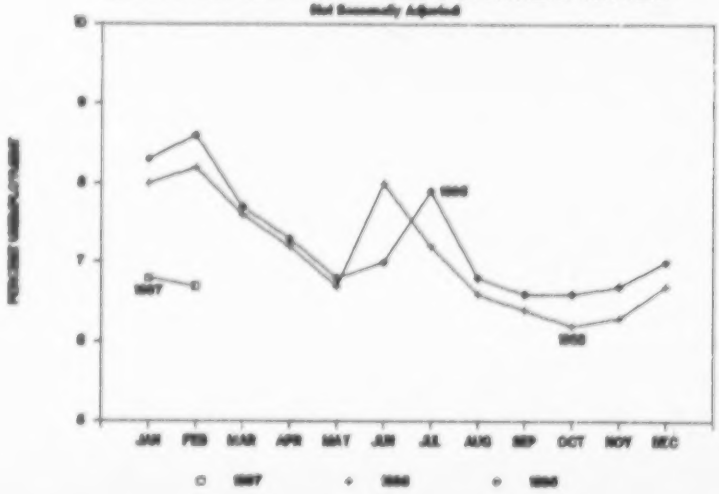
July 1, 1986 Through December 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	6,660	3,148	1,692	930
Testing	841	635	207	62
Referred to Training	8	7	7	0
Nonagricultural Placement	2,035	906	859	289
Counseling	160	49	44	58

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1987
All Manufacturing	310.90	340.85	335.54	41.9	43.2	42.1	7.42	7.89	7.97
Durable Goods	355.71	375.53	371.62	42.6	42.1	41.2	8.35	8.92	9.02
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	380.64	363.76	418.18	45.1	42.2	43.2	8.44	8.62	9.68
Iron & Steel Foundries	389.85	435.71	413.50	42.7	46.7	44.8	9.13	9.33	9.23
Fabricated Metal Products	435.71	436.39	398.11	44.1	42.7	41.6	9.88	10.22	9.57
Machinery, Except Elect.	425.54	484.15	488.57	48.8	42.1	42.3	8.72	11.50	11.55
Nondurable Goods	281.79	319.74	313.85	41.5	43.8	42.7	6.79	7.30	7.35
Textile Mill Products	263.42	318.08	295.86	44.8	49.7	46.3	5.88	6.40	6.39
Knitting Mills	242.09	248.19	241.54	43.0	44.8	42.6	5.63	5.54	5.67
Paper & Allied Products	468.96	516.08	461.10	48.0	50.3	43.5	9.77	10.26	10.60
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	360.99	410.40	429.60	36.5	38.9	40.3	9.89	10.55	10.66

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT AND BRISTOL MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987	Net Change Feb. 1986 to Feb. 1987	Net Change Jan. 1987 to Feb. 1987
TOTAL	151.2	154.4	153.4	+2.2	-1.0
Manufacturing	52.1	52.1	51.9	-0.2	-0.2
Durable Goods	20.3	20.3	20.0	-0.3	-0.3
Lumber & Wood Products and Furniture & Fixtures	1.8	2.1	2.2	+0.4	+0.1
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	2.4	2.2	2.2	-0.2	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	2.7	2.2	2.2	-0.5	0.0
Machinery and Trans. Equipment	9.6	9.8	9.6	0.0	-0.2
All Other Durable Goods	3.7	4.0	3.8	+0.1	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	31.8	31.8	31.9	+0.1	+0.1
Food & Kindred Products	2.4	2.4	2.3	-0.1	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	2.4	2.6	2.6	+0.2	0.0
Apparel Products	4.7	4.8	4.9	+0.2	+0.1
Paper & Allied Products and Printing, Publishing, Allied	6.1	6.0	6.0	-0.1	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.2	16.0	16.1	-0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	99.1	102.3	101.5	+2.4	-0.8
Mining	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Construction	5.3	4.8	4.8	-0.5	0.0
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	6.1	6.2	6.2	+0.1	0.0
Trade	32.9	35.1	33.4	+0.5	-1.7
Wholesale Trade	6.5	6.4	6.4	-0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	26.4	28.6	26.9	+0.5	-1.7
Finance, Insurance,& Real Estate	4.8	4.8	4.8	0.0	0.0
Services	26.0	26.3	26.4	+0.4	+0.1
Government	23.9	24.9	25.7	+1.8	+0.8
Federal	4.2	4.1	4.1	-0.1	0.0
State & Local	19.6	20.8	21.6	+2.0	+0.8
State	5.0	4.7	5.2	+0.2	+0.5
Local	14.6	16.1	16.3	+1.7	+0.2

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties in Tennessee and Washington County, Scott County and Bristol City in Virginia.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Number may not add due to rounding.

The Tri-Cities MSA unemployment rate increased from 7.6 percent to 7.8 percent. Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,000 jobs to 153,400. Manufacturing decreased by 200 jobs with the largest decrease reported in machinery and transportation equipment (-200) due to layoffs. Nonmanufacturing decreased by 800 jobs with the largest decrease reported in retail trade (-1,700). Government increased by 800 jobs, offsetting some the seasonal decline in retail trade.

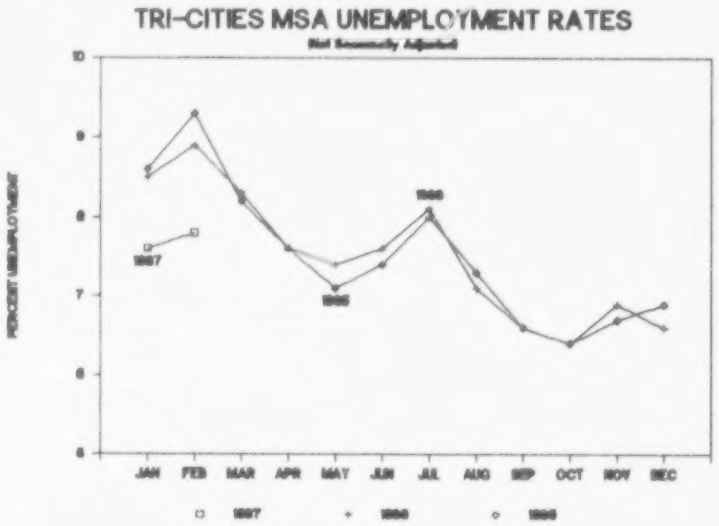
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

July 1, 1986 Through December 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	8,657	4,301	279	983
Testing	108	93	6	1
Referred to Training	14	4	2	8
Nonagricultural Placement	2,922	1,283	203	445
Counseling	36	10	0	14

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1987
All Manufacturing	394.24	387.00	380.84	44.0	43.0	42.6	8.96	9.00	8.94
Durable Goods	362.88	349.37	341.64	44.2	43.4	43.3	8.21	8.05	7.89
Fabricated Metal Prod.	374.12	383.36	361.32	39.8	41.4	41.2	9.40	9.26	8.77
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	398.27	364.93	357.14	47.3	43.6	43.5	8.42	8.37	8.21
Nondurable Goods	415.73	411.63	407.23	43.9	42.7	42.2	9.47	9.64	9.65
Food & Kindred Products	357.43	340.94	319.81	42.5	40.3	38.3	8.41	8.46	8.35
Apparel Products	231.88	245.34	237.80	45.2	45.1	44.2	5.13	5.44	5.38



KNOXVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987	Net Change Feb. 1986 to Feb. 1987	Net Change Jan. 1987 to Feb. 1987
TOTAL	233.1	236.4	236.4	+3.3	0.0
Manufacturing	51.0	50.0	50.2	-0.8	+0.2
Durable Goods	29.2	28.4	28.5	-0.7	+0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	1.6	2.0	2.0	+0.4	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Concrete	1.5	1.3	1.4	-0.1	+0.1
Machinery, Except Electrical	2.6	2.2	2.1	-0.5	-0.1
All Other Durable Goods	21.3	20.7	20.8	-0.5	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	21.8	21.6	21.7	-0.1	+0.1
Food & Kindred Products	3.9	3.9	4.0	+0.1	+0.1
Textile Mill Products	3.2	3.2	3.2	0.0	0.0
Apparel Products	8.8	8.8	8.8	0.0	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	2.7	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	3.2	3.0	3.0	-0.2	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	182.0	186.4	186.2	+4.2	-0.2
Mining	1.9	1.8	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Construction	10.8	11.7	11.5	+0.7	-0.2
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	8.9	9.0	8.9	0.0	-0.1
Trade	56.9	56.7	55.8	-1.1	-0.9
Wholesale Trade	14.4	14.4	14.3	-0.1	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	9.4	9.6	9.5	+0.1	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	5.0	4.8	4.8	-0.2	0.0
Retail Trade	42.5	42.3	41.5	-1.0	-0.8
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	8.8	8.3	8.4	-0.4	+0.1
Services	47.0	47.9	48.8	+1.8	+0.9
Government	47.8	51.0	51.0	+3.2	0.0
Federal	8.1	8.0	8.0	-0.1	0.0
State & Local	39.6	43.1	43.0	+3.4	-0.1
State	18.6	20.1	20.0	+1.4	-0.1
Local	21.0	23.0	22.9	+1.9	-0.1

Includes Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union Counties.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Knoxville MSA unemployment rate decreased from 8.6 percent to 8.5 percent. Total nonagricultural employment remained at 236,400. Manufacturing increased by 200 jobs with no industry reporting a change greater than 100. All nonmanufacturing industries reported decreases in employment except services (+900) and finance, insurance, and real estate (+100). The largest reported decrease of 800 jobs in retail trade was seasonal.

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

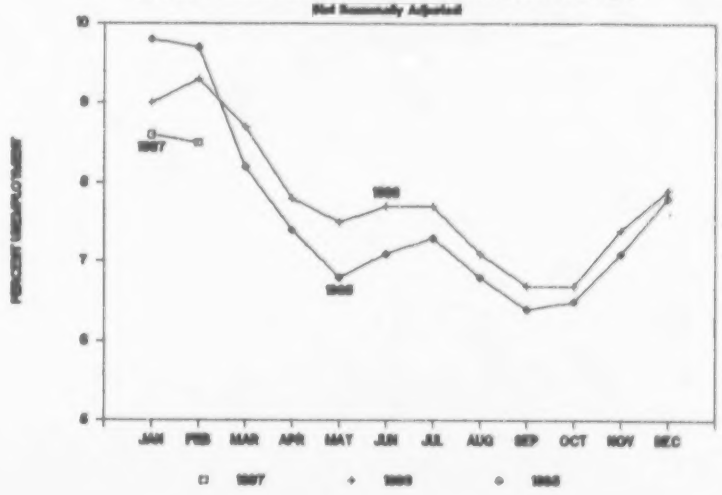
July 1, 1986 Through December 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	10,584	4,878	1,009	1,701
Testing	533	336	73	54
Referred to Training	144	54	22	36
Nonagricultural Placement	4,188	1,811	630	778
Counseling	168	65	27	73

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1987
All Manufacturing	336.00	352.74	346.81	37.5	39.5	39.5	8.96	8.93	8.78
Durable Goods	398.15	408.67	389.76	38.1	39.6	38.4	10.45	10.32	10.15
Stone, Clay, Glass, & Conc.	349.13	366.37	378.42	39.9	42.9	43.1	8.75	8.54	8.78
Machinery, Except Elect.	402.81	342.32	371.29	43.5	38.9	41.3	9.26	8.80	8.99
Nondurable Goods	253.96	278.95	289.16	36.7	39.4	40.9	6.92	7.08	7.07
Food & Kindred Products	289.57	309.74	305.64	40.9	41.8	43.6	7.08	7.41	7.01
Textile Mill Products	211.88	233.28	256.61	37.5	40.5	43.2	5.65	5.76	5.94
Apparel Products	210.40	257.13	256.24	34.1	38.9	39.3	6.17	6.61	6.52

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES



MEMPHIS MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987	Net Change Feb. 1986 to Feb. 1987	Net Change Jan. 1987 to Feb. 1987
TOTAL	391.5	407.4	408.8	+17.3	+1.4
Manufacturing	50.6	51.3	51.4	+0.8	+0.1
Durable Goods	21.2	21.9	22.0	+0.8	+0.1
Lumber & Wood Products	2.5	2.8	2.8	+0.3	0.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	0.9	1.1	1.0	+0.1	-0.1
Furniture & Fixtures	1.9	1.8	1.8	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	4.8	5.0	5.0	+0.2	0.0
Machinery, Except Electrical	3.6	3.5	3.5	-0.1	0.0
Electrical & Electronic Machinery	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	5.9	6.3	6.4	+0.5	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	29.4	29.4	29.4	0.0	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	8.2	7.8	7.8	-0.4	0.0
Bakery Products	1.4	1.4	1.3	-0.1	-0.1
Apparel Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	5.8	5.9	5.9	+0.1	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	4.9	5.0	5.0	+0.1	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	6.5	6.7	6.7	+0.2	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	340.9	356.1	357.4	+16.5	+1.3
Mining	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Construction	17.1	18.9	18.7	+1.6	-0.2
Trans., Communication, & Util.	34.1	36.7	36.8	+2.7	+0.1
Trade	107.5	110.3	109.8	+2.3	-0.5
Wholesale Trade	35.4	36.5	36.5	+1.1	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	22.0	22.4	22.4	+0.4	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	13.4	14.1	14.1	+0.7	0.0
Retail Trade	72.1	73.8	73.3	+1.2	-0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	22.1	23.1	23.2	+1.1	+0.1
Services	90.0	97.2	97.7	+7.7	+0.5
Government	70.0	69.8	71.1	+1.1	+1.3
Federal	18.1	17.9	18.6	+0.5	+0.7
State & Local	51.9	51.9	52.5	+0.6	+0.6
State	13.5	13.3	13.9	+0.4	+0.6
Local	38.4	38.6	38.7	+0.3	+0.1

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties in Tennessee and Crittendon County in Arkansas.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding.

The Memphis MSA unemployment rate decreased from 6.7 percent to 6.4 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 1,400 jobs to 408,800. Manufacturing increased by 100 jobs with no industry reporting a change greater than 100. Nonmanufacturing increased by 1,300 jobs to 357,400. The largest increases occurred in government (+1,300) and services (+500) due to seasonal factors. The only decreases reported occurred in retail trade (-500) and construction (-200) which were seasonal declines.

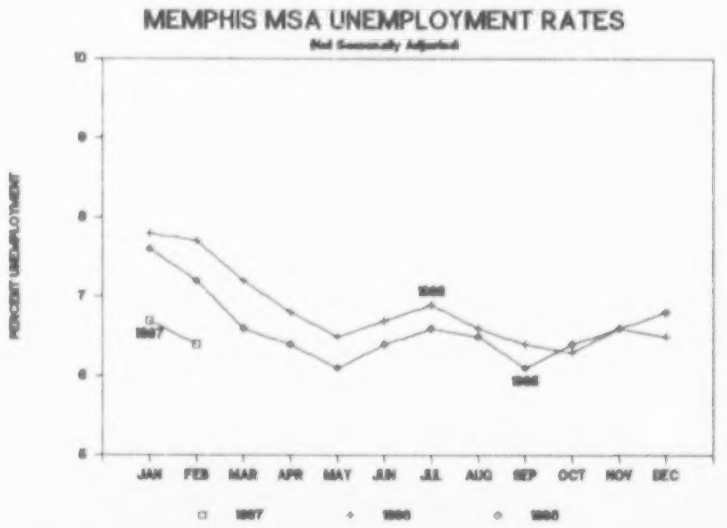
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

July 1, 1986 Through December 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	16,848	8,107	9,916	2,030
Testing	838	731	570	41
Referred to Training	468	148	429	68
Nonagricultural Placement	4,812	1,962	2,845	849
Counseling	608	415	441	115

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1986	Average Weekly Hours Jan. 1987	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1986	Average Hourly Earnings Jan. 1987	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1987
All Manufacturing	365.75	376.94	370.60	41.8	42.4	41.5	8.75	8.89	8.93
Durable Goods	335.16	337.33	339.83	42.0	41.8	41.8	7.98	8.07	8.13
Lumber & Wood Products	207.19	230.66	235.44	38.8	42.4	43.6	5.34	5.44	5.40
Furniture & Fixtures	204.66	217.41	230.65	37.9	37.1	38.7	5.40	5.86	5.96
Nondurable Goods	392.29	413.56	399.64	41.6	42.9	41.2	9.43	9.64	9.70
Food & Kindred Products	380.89	361.74	332.23	39.8	41.2	38.1	9.57	8.78	8.72
Paper & Allied Products	501.42	538.27	516.43	50.7	50.4	48.4	9.89	10.68	10.67
Chemicals & Allied Prod.	471.17	501.06	500.64	40.9	42.0	42.0	11.52	11.93	11.92



NASHVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	February 1986	January 1987	February 1987	Net Change Feb. 1986 to Feb. 1987	Net Change Jan. 1987 to Feb. 1987
TOTAL	439.1	452.8	455.8	+16.7	+3.0
Manufacturing	89.0	88.9	88.6	-0.4	-0.3
Durable Goods	50.5	50.0	49.7	-0.8	-0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	2.1	2.1	2.1	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	5.0	4.9	5.0	0.0	+0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	7.8	7.5	7.4	-0.4	-0.1
Machinery	14.9	14.1	14.0	-0.9	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	13.6	14.3	14.2	+0.6	-0.1
All Other Durable Goods	7.1	7.1	7.0	-0.1	-0.1
Nondurable Goods	38.5	38.9	38.9	+0.4	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	6.9	7.2	7.2	+0.3	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.5	1.5	1.6	+0.1	+0.1
Apparel Products	4.3	4.6	4.6	+0.3	0.0
Printing, Publishing, & Allied Ind.	12.8	12.8	12.8	0.0	0.0
Petroleum and Rubber	4.4	4.7	4.6	+0.2	-0.1
Leather & Leather Products	2.7	2.6	2.5	-0.2	-0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	6.1	5.5	5.6	-0.5	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	350.1	363.9	367.2	+17.1	+3.3
Mining	0.8	0.7	0.7	-0.1	0.0
Construction	25.0	29.3	29.6	+4.6	+0.3
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	21.8	21.8	22.1	+0.3	+0.3
Trade	106.5	108.0	108.6	+2.1	+0.6
Wholesale Trade	27.7	27.2	27.5	-0.2	+0.3
Wholesale Durable Goods	17.1	17.2	17.2	+0.1	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	10.7	10.0	10.3	-0.4	+0.3
Retail Trade	78.8	80.8	81.1	+2.3	+0.3
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	30.1	30.2	30.3	+0.2	+0.1
Services & Miscellaneous	101.5	107.5	109.1	+7.6	+1.6
Government	64.5	66.4	66.8	+2.3	+0.4
Federal	9.4	9.5	9.5	+0.1	0.0
State & Local	55.1	56.9	57.3	+2.2	+0.4
State	23.2	23.3	23.8	+0.6	+0.5
Local	31.9	33.6	33.5	+1.6	-0.1

Includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties.

*Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Number may not add due to rounding.

The Nashville MSA unemployment rate increased from 5.0 percent to 5.1 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased by 3,000 jobs to 455,800. Manufacturing decreased by 300 jobs with no industry reporting a change greater than 100. Nonmanufacturing increased by 3,300 jobs to 367,200. All nonmanufacturing industries reported increases in employment except local government (-100). The largest increases were reported in services and miscellaneous (+1,600), trade (+600), and state government (+500).

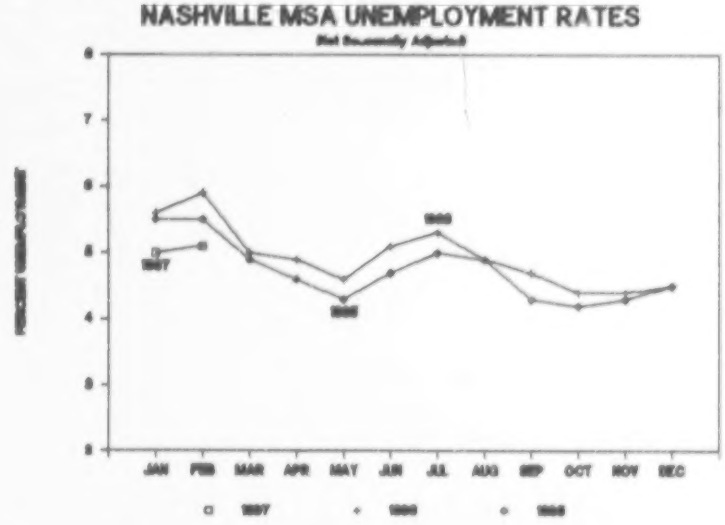
EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

July 1, 1986 Through December 31, 1986

	TOTAL	FEMALE	NON-WHITE	VETERAN
New Applications	18,905	8,935	4,765	2,143
Testing	848	320	173	247
Referred to Training	1,315	726	829	136
Nonagricultural Placement	8,100	3,317	2,909	1,228
Counseling	384	146	91	116

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987	Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987	Feb. 1987
All Manufacturing	340.34	395.20	408.64	36.4	40.0	40.3	9.35	9.88	10.14
Durable Goods	359.20	416.06	420.40	36.1	39.4	40.0	9.95	10.56	10.51
Nondurable Goods	310.06	362.03	390.31	37.0	41.0	40.7	8.38	8.83	9.59
Food & Kindred Products	314.81	385.52	408.94	37.3	41.1	41.9	8.44	9.38	9.76
Printing & Publishing	355.50	413.76	396.81	37.9	41.5	39.8	9.38	9.97	9.97



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Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	UNITED STATES 1/	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1987 from		UNITED STATES 1/	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1987 from	
		Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987		Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987
All items	334.4	2.1	0.4	329.0	1.8	0.4
All items (1957-59=100)	388.9	-	-	382.6	-	-
Food and beverages	321.6	4.5	0.3	321.3	4.5	0.3
Food	330.1	4.7	0.4	329.5	4.6	0.3
Food at home	316.6	5.0	0.4	314.6	4.8	0.4
Food away from home	359.6	4.3	0.3	373.2	4.5	0.3
Alcoholic beverages	243.2	2.1	0.3	246.2	2.2	0.3
Housing	365.1	2.4	0.3	357.5	2.2	0.3
Shelter	414.0	4.9	0.4	401.2	4.8	0.4
Renters' costs 3/	125.8	5.7	0.4	112.7	5.4	0.4
Rent, residential	288.0	5.2	0.3	287.0	5.2	0.3
Apparel and upkeep	208.4	2.1	0.6	206.9	1.9	0.5
Transportation	310.0	- 2.9	0.5	309.9	- 3.2	0.6
Medical care	452.4	7.1	0.6	449.7	7.1	0.7
Entertainment	278.7	2.5	0.1	273.4	2.6	0.2
Other goods and services	359.7	5.7	0.4	354.6	5.5	0.5
Purchasing power of the dollar: 1967=$1.00	$.299	- 2.0	- 0.3	$.304	- 1.6	- 0.3
1957-59=$1.00	$.257	-	-	$.261	-	-

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	ALL ITEMS 2/	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1987 from		ALL ITEMS 2/	Unadjusted percent change to Feb. 1987 from	
		Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987		Feb. 1986	Jan. 1987
SOUTH	179.5	1.6	0.4	178.3	1.2	0.5
Less than 50,000 pop.	177.3	1.5	- 0.1	177.9	1.1	0
50,000 - 450,000 pop.	178.5	1.8	0.6	179.0	1.4	0.6
450,000 - 1,200,000 pop.	181.7	2.0	0.5	177.4	1.6	0.9
1,200,000 or more pop.	179.4	1.2	0.4	178.7	1.0	0.5

1/ Base year is 1967=100.
2/ Base year is December 1977=100.
3/ Base year is December 1982 for CPI-U; December 1984 for CPI-W.

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OLD METHODOLOGY --	ALL ITEMS	
	CPI-U	CPI-W
United States	335.0	329.6
South	179.9	178.6
Less than 50,000 pop.	177.8	178.3
50,000-450,000 pop.	178.6	179.1
450,000-1,200,000 pop.	182.0	177.7
1,200,000 or more pop.	180.1	179.3

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